Recycling Public Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Grotto Pizza – Dover, 1159 N. Dupont Hwy Dover, DE 19901

- I. Call to Order, Introductions
- II. Public Comments (20 minute cap, priority given to written comments)
- III. Approval of Minutes from October 28, 2015 Meeting
- IV. 14th Annual RPAC Report
- V. Universal Recycling Grants Cycle 7
- VI. Organics Task Force Update
- VII. Council By-Laws
- VIII. Recycling Market Update
- IX. Attendance Policy
- X. Old/New Business
- XI. Additional Public Comments
- XII. Scheduling Meetings January 2016 through June 2016
- XIII. Adjourn

Delaware Universal Recycling Law

Implementation Schedule and Milestone Events

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| Item | Event | Action Date | State of Delaware Statutory Citation | Notes/Status/Work Projection |
| 1 | RPAC established. Composition and responsibilities defined. | 6/8/2010 | 7 Del. C. § 6058 | Complete |
| 2 | RPAC Annual Report on the status of recycling in Delaware to the Governor and General Assembly commences. | 11/1/2010 | 7 <i>Del. C.</i> § 6058 (c) (5) | Reports issued annually. The 14 th Annual Report is pending. |
| 3 | RPAC Recycling Measurement and Reporting Guidance finalized. | 12/1/2010 | 7 Del. C. § 6056 (1) | Complete. |
| 4 | Beverage Container Recycling Fee begins. | 12/1/2010 | 30 Del. C. § 2912 | Complete. Fees collected are about 65% of expected. |
| 5 | Controller General and OMB Director approval of revenue and expenditure plan before grants or loans can be made from the Recycling Fund. | 12/1/2010 | 7 <i>Del. C.</i> § 6054 (f) | Funding and expenditure plan is approved. |
| 6 | Dealer liability to refund beverage container deposits to consumers ends. | 2/1/2011 | 30 Del. C. § 2912 | Complete. |
| 7 | Manufacturer or distributor liability to refund beverage container deposits to retailers or dealers ends. | 3/1/2011 | 30 Del. C. § 2912 | Complete. |
| 8 | Universal Recycling Grants & Low Interest Loans offered. | 2011 | 7 Del. C. § 6055 | Initial Program began in 2011. The application period for the 6 th Cycle is now complete; contracts being drafted. DNREC plans to continue Program through 2020. |
| 9 | DSWA ceases curbside recycling collection. Single-family curbside recycling requirement starts. | 9/15/2011 | 7 Del. C. § 6053 (1) | DSWA ended curbside collection of recyclables on 3/31/11. Single-family residential deadline has passed. A few violations were noted and quickly resolved, though continued compliance monitoring and enforcement may be necessary. |
| 10 | Annual reporting by persons collecting, processing or marketing recyclables commence | 2/15/2012 | 7 Del. C. § 6056 (1) | Initial reporting complete. Reporting requirements continue annually. |
| 11 | Report on implementation of universal recycling in the commercial sector to the Governor and the General Assembly. | 11/1/2012 | 7 <i>Del. C.</i> § 6053 (4) | Complete. Report posted online fourth quarter 2012. |
| 12 | Multi-family recycling requirement starts | 1/1/2013 | 7 Del. C. § 6053 (2) | Complete. DNREC conducted significant outreach to inform multi-family audience (i.e. direct letters, workshops, radio). Compliance monitoring and enforcement may be necessary. |
| 13 | Commercial sector recycling requirement starts | 1/1/2014 | 7 Del. C. § 6053 (4) | Development of outreach began early 2013. Toolkits, waste assessments, grants offered. Outreach and assistance efforts will continue. |
| 14 | RPAC Goals Assessment Report due. | 11/1/2014 | 7 Del. C. § 6056 (2) | The 13 th Annual Report addresses this requirement and notes more detailed reporting in subsequent Annual Reports will follow pending studies. |
| 15 | Recycling Fee on beverage containers ends. | 12/1/2014 | 30 Del. C. § 2912 | Remaining funds will assist waste diversion goals and sustain grants program through 2020. |
| 16 | Diversion Goals tier 1 | 1/1/2015 | 7 Del. C. § 6056 | Status report and recommendations will be available via RPAC Annual Report. |
| 17 | Diversion Goals tier 2 | 1/1/2020 | 7 Del. C. § 6056 | Status report and recommendations will be available via RPAC Annual Report. |